



PREFACE.

THIS MANUAL has been prepared with much care to meet a want that has for years been growing in the minds of teachers and friends of education. It is confidently hoped that the hearty co-operation of Secretaries and Boards of Examiners and all school authorities will be given in this attempt to effect a more thorough organization, and greater uniformity in the schools of our rural districts. There has been no generally accepted system of registration or uniform course of study such as is now presented in this Manual, and printed in Welch's Register for convenience and a better preservation of the same.

This method has been adopted in several States and the very best results are already beginning to be realized. The register prepared by Mr. Welch is the simplest and most complete that I have ever seen; and with the publishing in it of our course of study, suggestions, schedule of recitation, etc., the expense is very moderate, as it contains space for recording the essential facts of school work for a period of eight or ten years. The cards of promotion, reports and certificates with the course of study will be less expensive to the counties than the amount of printing often required and authorized by law for the use of Secretaries of Board of Examiners for one year. Will not every Secretary do all in his power to give this plan of organization a thorough trial? I most earnestly urge every Secretary to a careful study of this course of study and plan of registration so as to be prepared to give a thorough explanation of its use to the teachers at the Institutes.

J. ESTABROOK,
Superintendent of Public Instruction

INTRODUCTION.

In the preparation of this manual one great object was held in view—to enable the children of the district schools to follow from term to term and from year to year a plain, simple, *progressive* line of study that shall give them in the end a good, common school education. Its constant aim throughout is:

FIRST.—To introduce nothing not already taught in these schools.

SECOND.—To make the classifications as simple as possible, easy for the teacher to understand and follow and to lighten his labors.

THIRD.—To regulate the steps from grade to grade so that pupils shall be interested and kept in school, encouraged and credited for work done, and that the usual waste of time and aimless work resulting from frequent change of teachers may be reduced to a minimum.

FOURTH.—To put all the school work of the county on one common plan, so that methods used in teaching the various branches, amount of work accomplished, the system of reports, records, etc., may be the same.

FIFTH.—To make the work of supervision stronger and more effective, and to enlist the interest and sympathy of parents and school officers by making them better acquainted with what the schools are endeavoring to accomplish for their children.

PLAN OF THE COURSE OF STUDY.

The course of study is divided into eight grades, or years? each grade occupying one year. The average number of months for the school year in district schools throughout a county does not exceed eight. Each year's work, in consequence, has been arranged with this in mind. To enforce the course of study, a system of examinations for each term is strongly recommended.

Examination Questions based upon the requirements outlined in the various grades should be printed by the secretary and sent out to the teachers in sealed envelopes to be written upon during the last week of the term. Final examinations for pupils should also be arranged for.

In addition, teachers should have written examinations or reviews for their schools monthly.

THE DAILY PROGRAMME.

The following classes are all that should be found in the average school of from thirty to thirty-five pupils. Often they can be reduced.

Reading.—Chart, first reader, second reader, third reader, two recitations each, daily. Fourth and fifth readers, one recitation each, daily.

Spelling.—Two classes, one recitation each, daily. (In primary grades teach spelling in connection with reading).

Language.—Two classes, one recitation each, daily. (In chart, first and second reader classes, teach language in connection with the reading).

Penmanship.—One class daily.

Arithmetic.—Four classes, one recitation each, daily. One primary, two intermediate, one advanced.

Geography.—Only two classes, one recitation each, daily.

History.—One class daily.

Civil Government.—One class daily.

NOTE.—By following directions as given in the manual

in the grades where Geography, History and Civil Government are outlined, it will be found that much of the work of these three may be combined, and the number of daily recitations reduced.

Physiology.—One class, one recitation daily.

EXAMINATION OF PUPILS.

There should be a regular system of examinations by the county secretary, by means of which he may judge whether the course of study is followed, and whether teachers are doing satisfactory work. Without these examinations at regular intervals, some teachers will give the course either a half-hearted support, or none at all. Then, also, the knowledge on the part of the pupils that they are to be tested on the work here planned, will interest them in it and make graduation popular.

It is therefore recommended that just before the close of each term secretaries prepare sets of test questions covering the work that should have been done by each grade during the term, place them in a sealed envelope, put this inside a larger one, and mail to each teacher, with directions not to open the envelope containing questions until the day of examination.

Upon the day of examination let the pupils choose three of their number to open the sealed envelope, and sign their names to the blank found with the questions, which states that these examination questions have not been opened or tampered with. When the examinations are completed the teacher will mark them, after which the papers of each grade are to be securely fastened together and all kept in the teacher's desk for the secretary's inspection. All standings are also to be entered upon the classification record. This is the plan now in use in several states. *These papers, the classification record, and daily register* the secretary will carefully inspect while visiting a school, and he should accept no excuses for failure to have them ready for him.

THE EXAMINATION PAPERS.

1. Place the name of the study at the head of the paper, and half way across the page. The pupil's name on the next line below, and at the right hand margin.

2. Number the topics by placing Roman numerals between them, half way across the page. Leave at least one vacant line between topics. Use legal cap paper. Write upon the paper so that the red line is always at the left. Do not write upon the margin at the left of the red line.

AMOUNT OF WORK BY TERMS.—HOW ARRANGED.

In the back part of this manual is a form for giving a tabular view, *by terms*, of the whole course of study, as previously outlined in detail. It is placed there as a *model* to be patterned after by each individual secretary who may wish to fix the exact point or page to which work is to be carried each term. The work for each year as arranged in this manual has been divided into terms *when ever this could be done satisfactorily*. But it has to be borne in mind constantly that all manner of text-books are used in the different counties, and all do not cover the ground in the same order. Therefore, to provide against this difficulty, this scheme was arranged. By it every county may divide each year's work into terms, to cover an exact number of pages of the text-books. The secretary may arrange a similar tabular view of the course, naming each text-book, and putting in its proper column the number of the page to which each class is to advance during each term. He may then have this printed, and paste it in the

Record of Proceedings of District

December 2nd 1865

A special meeting of the legal voters of school district No 6 fractional of the townships of Texas Ostemo & Almena assembled at the school house at 6 o'clock P. M.

the meeting was called to order by the moderator

Voted to raise by tax 25 dollars to build privy and paint the school house on the in side

Voted to raise by tax 13 dollars to build a fence around school house to privy

Meeting then adjourned without date

C. P. Croppfield Director

Sept. 3rd 1866

The annual meeting of the legal voters of school district No 6 (fr) of the townships of Texas Ostemo & Almena assembled at the school house at 7 1/2 o'clock P. M. the meeting was called to order by appointing George Hatfield as chairman the Moderator being absent. The annual report of the district board was read and accepted

Mr O. M. Stevens was appointed Assessor for the next three years

Voted to raise by tax ten (10) dollars for contingent expenses

Voted to raise nineteen dollars and forty one cents (19.41) to pay previous indebtedness of the district

Voted to raise five (5) dollars to pay director and nineteen dollars and fifty cents (19.50) to pay for fuel

On motion voted to have during the ensuing year four months winter and four months summer school

The Meeting then adjourned without date

C. P. Croppfield Director

District School Meetings.

Sep. 3rd 1867.

The annual meeting of the legal voters of District No 6 (Fractional) of the Township of Ashlimo assembled at the School House at 7 1-2 o'clock P.M.

The meeting was called to order by the Moderator

The annual report of the District Board was read by the Assessor, (Director being absent) and **accepted**

George E. Hatfield was elected Director for the next three years

Voted to raise by tax the sum of ten dollars for repairs of School House and incidental expenses, also to allow sixteen dollars and twenty cents now on hand to remain as sinking fund, and Twenty one dollars fifty six cents for purchase of fuel. Voted also. Fourteen dollars and forty five cents to pay for insuring School House Voted to pay Director five dollars for his services for the ensuing year Voted to raise One dollar and ninety two cents, to pay for 12 hitching posts. Voted to raise eight dollars to pay for grubbing. Voted that $\frac{2}{3}$ of Public money be paid teachers in winter and $\frac{1}{3}$ in summer schools. Voted that no foreign scholar be allowed to attend school. Voted that Wm. McCormick be set in District No 12 of Texas

Record of Proceedings of District

Sept. 7th 1868

The annual school meeting of the legal voters Dist. No. 6. (Mac) of Oshtemo. Almena & Texas met at the school house of said district at 7 o'clock P. M.

Meeting called to order by the Moderator. The annual report of the District Board was read by the Director and accepted by the meeting. Charles Searls was elected Moderator for the ensuing three years in place of Anson Jones whose term expired. Meeting voted to raise the sum of twenty four dollars to purchase 12 cords of wood. Sidney McCurdy to furnish the above amount. Nothing else for action by meeting it adjourned.

Geo. E. Hatfield

Director

District School Meetings.

Sept 6th 1869.

The Annual School Meeting of the Qualified Voters, of District No. 6. (Fractional) of the Townships of Texas Ashtemo. & Almena. Met at the School House of Said District at (6) Six O'clock P.M.

The Meeting Called to Order by the Moderator.
On Motion Voted to Stay proceedings until voters arrived
The annual Report of the School District Board was read by the Director and accepted by the Meeting
Rufus. Allen Elected Assessor, vice
O. M. Stevens whose term of office expires. Sidney.
McClardy Elected Director for the unexpired term
Voted to have (8) Eight Months School. During the School year.
(4) four Months Winter & 4 Months Summer School. Voted to have teacher Board Round. Voted to allow no Travelling Shows, Moral & Religious, entertainments Not included. Voted to raise 12 cords (2) two foot wood to be delivered on or before Dec 1st Lot to be let to lowest bidder, S. McClardy to furnish the same at (13) thirteen Shillings and (6) Six Pence, per cord. Voted that (5½) five and one half days be required for a week or (22) twenty two days for a month, Voted that District Board hire Male or female Teacher at their Discretion Voted to pay Director \$5.00 for services Voted that Moderator have Special care of Grove, and impose and collect, fines, for injuries done to trees. Voted that Moderator be paid for such services. Voted to rescind the Order allowing Director \$5.00 and Voted to pay him \$10. Voted to allow Foreign Scholars if they need as required by Dist board. Voted to raise \$25 to paint School House. Outside with Mineral paint. Lot. to be let to lowest Bidder George. Kix to do the same. for \$23.25. Voted that all over and above that amount. Voted for paint be appropriated as contingent fund.

The Meeting then adjourned without date.

Sidney McClardy. Director.

Record of Proceedings of District

Sep. 5. 1870

The annual meeting of the legal voters of District No 6. (Praetional) of the Township of Texas Oshkemo Almena. Met at the School house of said district at Six P.M. The meeting called to order by the Moderator. The annual report of the District Board was read by the Director (Sidney McCready) and accepted.

Owen P. Norton. was elected Director for the next three years

Voted to pay Mrs Hopkins the full amount of her wages

also, to pay Mrs Allen for teaching thirty four days (Sixty five dollars (\$65))

also to be delivered 12 cords boddy wood by Jerod Stevens at 13/6^{cts} per cord. Delivered on or before the first day of Dec. 1870.

Voted to have Nine months school (9) months summer and (4) months winter

also that assessor pay no orders unless from what fund (state by the Director)

also to apply contingent fund on hand toward paying for wood,

also to pay Director & Assessor Five Dollars each for services during year

also Not to pay for charts Purchased by Sidney McCready & Kingsley.

The resignation of Mr Kingsley Moderator accepted and A. R. Jones Elected as Moderator

Adjourned without date

Owen P. Norton Director

District School Meetings.

March. 14. 1871

A special meeting of the legal voters of School District No. 6. Grational Texas Almena and Oskema met at the School house at 6 o'clock P.M. Called to order by Moderator. After due consideration in regard to charts purchased by Sydney Mercury and Director and Stephan Kingsley Moderator Order given on Town Treasurer for the sum of Twenty Four dollars, It was voted to expend as much as charts cost in litigation before paying for said claim against said District. But in case Mr S. Kingsley was obliged to pay for said Charts the District assumes the indebtedness. Also voted that A. R. Jones Rubin Allen O. P. Morton attend to said business for the District in case of litigation. Voted to have Mrs. Kinney librarian voted to adjourn with out date.

O. P. Morton Director

Record of Proceedings of District

September 4, 1871.

The annual School meeting of the legal voters of School District No. (6,) Fractional Texas Oshtemo & Almena met at the School house in said district at 7 o'clock P. M.

The meeting called to order, on motion A. J. Rice was chosen moderator to fill vacancy A. R. Jones being absent. The annual report of school board was read and accepted.

Vote was then taken for moderator, D. R. Rice was elected for next three years.

Voted to rays by special tax \$62.15 for wood directors and assessors services and settle with Mrs. Perrin for boundary line of said school right of Dist No. 6.

Voted to pay expenses of making out deed and recording the same. Voted to have fifteen cords of wood to be delivered by the first of January, 1872. Perceat Stevens agreeing to furnish the same at 1.81 pr cord.

Voted to admit scholars from other districts and collect tuition by rate bill and appropriate to the benefit of School Library.

Voted to have eight months school four months summer and four winter. winter term to be taught by male and summer by female Teachers

Meeting then adjourned without date.

O P Morton Director

ings of District School Meetings.

Record of Proceedings of District

December, 22, 1877

Special meeting was held at the school house in District No. 6, for according to notice given meeting called to order by Daniel R. Rix Moderator. The boundary lines of said district ~~sixth~~ was then considered motion prevailed and vote taken that the School Board have the school grounds surveyed by County Surveyor as soon as convenient and expenses charged to the district meeting then adjourned without date.

O. P. Morton, Director

Minutes of District School Meetings.

September 2nd 1872

The Annual meeting of the legal voters of School District No. 6, Fr. Texas consisting of Abilene & Almene met at the school house in said district at 6 o'clock P.M. meeting called to order by the Moderator S. K. Rix the financial report was read by the Director motion prevailed and report accepted moved and supported that the figures of the report of County Surveyor be rectified and the school board have the power to settle the same moved and supported that the privy be equally divided and moved to each corner of the school house if it is not as it should be now the arrangements left with the board also the fence on the north - the fence on the west line of said school lot to be moved and placed on the Surveyed line which took place May 21st 1872 in compliance of vote of Extra meeting held Dec. 22nd 1871 the owner of one half of the line fence on the west must be duly notified to move his portion, moved and supported that Mr. Rufus Allyn be elected as assessor next term of office - moved & supported that Mr R. Allyn have five dollars for past services and five for ensuing year also Director the same motion then prevailed that we have 15 cords split wood two feet long per cord Stevens agreeing to furnish the same at \$1.18^{cs} pr cord. moved and supported that Mr Ketchum school bill be cancelled against him voted to have seven months school during the ensuing year four months winter taught by male teacher three months Summer taught by female voted to have school house insured for five years commencing at the date of making same year. voted to raise one dollar to pay for fuel and purchase

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Voted to accept the expenses reported by the School Board O. P. Morton D. R. Kil Rufus Allyn for Surveying said School Lot and setting Substantial Corner Stones on the same and rays and rays sufficient amount of money to pay the same \$16.91 Voted to rays three dollars to pay expenses of moving fence Voted to rays ten dollars to pay for moving privy and necessary repairs for the same Voted five dollars as contingent fund for repairs on School House.

O. P. Morton Director

Minutes of District School Meetings.

September 1st 1873

The Annual meeting of the legal voters of School District No. 6, pr. Texas, ^{met} at the School house, meeting called to order by D. R. Rice Moderator. Ministerial report read and accepted. Vote was then taken for Director resulting in the election of A. J. Rice for ensuing term. Vote was then taken to have 12 cords of two feet long split wood the contract was let to Rufus Allyn to be delivered by the first of March, 1874, at \$1.75 pr. cord. Vote taken resulting in having nine months school during the year, three months winter three Spring three Summer winter School commencing the first of December next. The hiring of School teacher left to the Discretion of School board. Vote was taken to admit Mr. Ketchum & Mr. Winstons children to the School free from tuition. Voted to raise five dollars (\$5.00) as contingent fund voted to pay Director five dollars (\$5.00) for services, Assessor the same five dollars (\$5.00) voted to move the fence on the north & on the west side of school lot and put it on the line Allen Herick agreeing to perform the labor and furnish nails & lumber for the sum of five dollars and seventy seven and half cents (\$5.77 1/2) voted to rescind the vote of September 2nd 1872, in regard to the division of prairie. The purchase of 13 ft 2 1/2 inches of land of Gerard Stevens on the north side of School lot for the sum of ten dollars (\$10.00) the purchase accepted. Voted that the School board shall dictate the grading of books and teaching of School, voted to use money of hand to pay for wood and pay Gerard Stevens for addition of land.

meeting then adjourned.

O. B. Morton Director

Record of Proceedings of District

September the 26 1875

The Special meeting of the legal
voters of school district No 6 pr
Texas at the school house
meeting called to order by D H
Rix Moderator voted to send
the vote of nine month school
voted to have fore month winter
school and fore month summer
school voted to commence the school
By the middel of November
voted to adjourned without date
A. J. Rix Director

Minutes of District School Meetings.

September the 7 1874

The Annual meeting of School District No 6 pr Texas at the school house meeting called to order by J. Rix Director C. P. Morton pointed moderator pro tem the moderator being absent.

The annual report of the District Board was read and accepted

Mr J. W. Kindel was elected moderator for the next three years voted Mr Talerbach be allowed to vote

voted to have ten cords of wood To be good body split green wood Mr John Lehard to deliver the the wood for \$1.65 a cord by the first Day of March

voted to have 8 month school 4 winter and 4 summer

voted to have male teacher for winter school voted that the teachers Board

Round voted that the Director have \$5.00 and the assessor have \$5.00

voted that if the scholars break the windows the parents replace them

voted to have the seats and Desk repaired and the steps

J. W. Kindel have the job for \$3.75

voted to let Mr Ketchum send to school and eng out of the District by paying

arape Bill voted to raise \$36.25 for contingent

funds voted the Board act according to law with the ones that do mischief voted to get

maple trees by a bar the meeting adjourned
without Date J. Rix Director

Record of Proceedings of District

Minutes of District School Meetings.

Sept 6th 1875

The Annual Meeting of School Dist No 6
Trac of Texas Held at the School house.

Meeting called to order by J. W. Kendall.
Moderator

Directors report read and accepted
Rufus Allen. Elected Assessor.

Motion carried to let the job of cutting the
dead trees on the school ground into cord wood
two feet long, grubbing the trees and burning
the brush and roots and filling the holes and
cording the wood in a body west of the School
house.

Whole job let to Mr. Babcock at \$1.25 per cord
Motion carried to buy five cords of green split
wood two feet long

E. Crandall. to furnish the wood at \$1.50 per cord

Motion carried to have eight months School.
four months winter and four months ^{summer} ^{school}

Motion carried to leave the hiring of ^{male or female} teachers to
the district board.

Motion carried that the teacher board around.

Motion carried to let the job of setting twelve
hitching posts three feet deep and six feet
from the fence to the lowest bidder. job let
to J. A. Stevens at \$1.50 cts

Motion Carried to pay the Director & Assessor
five dollars each for their services.

Motion Carried to raise five dollars contingent fund

Motion Carried that the Director & Moderator
will receive \$1.00 each

Surrender the present insurance policy and
take out another in some other company

Motion carried that those outside of the dist
are allowed to send to School the same as last
year

A J Rix Director

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